

## 5 MURDERED

FATHER, MOTHER AND THREE CHILDREN MURDERED ON A MISSOURI HIGHWAY.

## ENTIRE FAMILY SLAIN

Shot and Beat the Father to Death, Clubbed the Mother and Children, and Rode to Town on Murdered Man's Mule.

Houston, Mo.—Barney Parsons, a farmer, his wife and three children were murdered near Licking Mo. A farmer named Hamilton has been arrested, charged with the murder, and is said to have confessed.

Parsons had sold his farm and crops to Hamilton, and it is alleged that the men quarreled over the terms of the sale. Parsons and family set out from their former home in a covered wagon, bound for northern Missouri. The body of Parsons was found shot to death, and the mother and three children had been clubbed to death. Jonah Hamilton, the alleged murderer, is in the Houston jail, strongly guarded to prevent lynching. He is said to have made a complete confession, of which the following is a summary:

### Killed the Entire Family.

At a timber-bordered place in the road, as Parsons and his family were driving along, they were confronted by Hamilton, armed with a shotgun. Deliberately aiming at Parsons, Hamilton discharged both barrels of the gun, and Parsons fell to the ground. Hamilton then advanced upon him, and clubbed him over the head with the butt of the gun several times. He then beat the head of the mother almost to a pulp, and after killing her, clubbed the three children to death. The body of all five were loaded into a wagon, and taken to Big Piney creek, about one mile distant from the scene of the murder, and dumped into the creek.

### Fishermen Make the Discovery.

A party of fishermen from Houston discovered the bodies of two of the children Saturday about noon. A further search brought to light the bodies of both parents, and word was sent to Houston. Shortly after the news had been received, Hamilton rode into town on a mule that was recognized as one that belonged to Parsons. He was arrested and locked up in jail. Parsons, who came to Texas county two years ago from the northern part of Missouri, was a quiet, industrious farmer, and never had trouble of any sort. Hamilton also has been favorably known over the entire county.

The body of the other child was also recovered.

### HUNDREDS PERISH IN FIRE.

Burning of a Crowded Steamship at Hongkong.

Hongkong—The British steamer Hankow, from Canton, was burned at 3:10 a. m. while lying along her wharf. Hundreds of Chinese passengers were burned to death and the valuable cargo was destroyed. All the European passengers and crew were saved.

The steamer was owned by the China Navigation Co. of London and was built in Glasgow in 1876. The vessel was constructed of iron. Her dimensions were: Length, 308.5 feet; beam, 42.3; depth, 15.2. She registered 3,073 tons gross.

Her chief officer reported to Capt. Branch that the ship was afire. The captain then directed the water to be turned on. Within five minutes the Hankow was ablaze fore and aft.

The Chinese passengers were thrown into a frightful panic. Horrifying shrieks and cries to save their lives were heard, but escape was impossible, owing to the inflammable condition of the cargo. Hundreds were burned to death and many others jumped into the harbor and were drowned.

### Rockefeller Gives to Negroes.

Washington, D. C.—Announcement has been made here that John D. Rockefeller has made a conditional gift of \$25,000 for a building for the negro branch of the Washington Young Men's Christian association.

### Break Wheat Cargo Record.

Duluth, Minn.—The big steamer James Laughlin broke the wheat cargo record here. She loaded 378,000 bushels. The cargo is the largest individual one of wheat ever floated. Boat gets 2½¢ a bushel to Buffalo.

### Railroad for Iceland.

Copenhagen—The Iceland government has finally decided to build a railroad in Iceland. It will run from Reykjavik, about 45 miles through a fertile part of the country. Americans formerly projected a road there.

## KING OF SAFE-BREAKERS.

Marvelous Delicacy of Hearing Possessed by Milner James.

"Milner James was the most artistic safe-breaker in the business," said Lecocq the detective. "He is dead now. He opened in his time over 700 safes without tools or gunpowder solely by working out the combination with his delicate and patient fingers."

"It took me a year," he once said, "to learn the trick of picking combinations. I studied all the locks there were and I had three safes of different makes to practice on. The ear is the most important factor in my method and it must be held tight against the safe door on a line with the tumblers. When the knob of the lock is turned slowly and one of the tumblers reaches the notch corresponding to the first number of the combination the tumbler will fall with a little click. Care must be taken not to displace this tumbler. You keep on trying the knob back and forth gently till each of the tumblers drops. Then the door opens. Hardly one man in a thousand has an ear delicate enough for this work and to be a success at it you've got to give up tobacco and alcohol."

### Saved from Horrible Death.

Three lives have been saved by means of a device invented by a Swedish woman named Lind, for preventing people from being buried alive. It was applied to 2,200 supposes corpses.

### INTERESTING CONTEST.

Heavy Cost of Unpaid Postage.

One of the most curious contests ever before the public was conducted by many thousand persons under the offer of the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., of Battle Creek, Mich., for prizes of 31 boxes of gold and 300 greenbacks to those making the most words out of the letters Y-I-O-Grape-Nuts.

The contest was started in February, 1906, and it was arranged to have the prizes awarded on Apr. 30, 1906.

When the public announcement appeared many persons began to form the words from these letters, sometimes the whole family being occupied evenings, a combination of amusement and education.

After a while the lists began to come in to the Postum Office and before long the volume grew until it required wagons to carry the mail. Many of the contestants were thoughtless enough to send their lists with insufficient postage and for a period it cost the Company from twenty-five to fifty-eight and sixty dollars a day to pay the unpaid postage.

Young ladies, generally those who had graduated from the high school, were employed to examine these lists and count the correct words. Webster's Dictionary was the standard and each list was very carefully corrected except those which fell below 8000 for it soon became clear that nothing below that could win. Some of the lists required the work of a young lady for a solid week on each individual list. The work was done very carefully and accurately but the Company had no idea, at the time the offer was made, that the people would respond so generally and they were compelled to fill every available space in the offices with these young lady examiners, and notwithstanding they worked steadily, it was impossible to complete the examination until Sept. 29, over six months after the prizes should have been awarded.

This delay caused a great many inquiries and naturally created some dissatisfaction. It has been thought best to make this report in practically all of the newspapers in the United States and many of the magazines in order to make clear to the people the conditions of the contest.

Many lists contained enormous numbers of words which, under the rules, had to be eliminated "Pegger" would count "Peggers" would not. Some lists contained over 50,000 words, the great majority of which were cut out. The largest lists were checked over two and in some cases three times to insure accuracy.

The \$100.00 gold prize was won by L. D. Reese, 1227-15th St., Denver, Colo., with 9941 correct words. The highest \$10.00 gold prize went to S. K. Fraser, Lincoln, Pa., with 9921 correct words.

A complete list of the 331 winners with their home addresses will be sent to any contestant enquiring on a postal card.

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### A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE.

How a Veteran Was Saved the Amputation of a Limb.

B. Frank Doremus, veteran, of Roosevelt Ave., Indianapolis, Ind., says: "I had been showing symptoms of kidney trouble from the time I was mustered out of the army, but in all my life I never suffered as in 1897. Headaches, dizziness and sleeplessness, first, and then dropsy. I was weak and help-

less, having run down from 180 to 125 pounds. I was having terrible pain in the kidneys, and the secretions passed almost involuntarily. My left leg swelled until it was 34 inches around, and the doctor tapped it night and morning until I could no longer stand it, and then he advised amputation. I refused, and began using Doan's Kidney Pills. The swelling subsided gradually, the urine became natural, and all my pains and aches disappeared. I have been well now for nine years since using Doan's Kidney Pills. For sale by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

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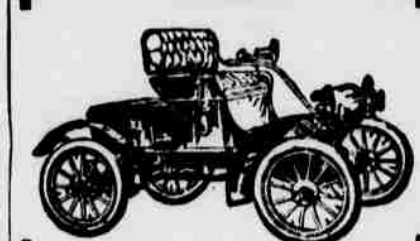
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